



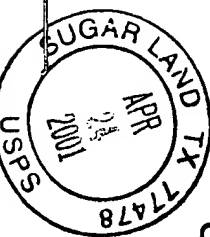
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- 1 ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
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Filed:)	Examiner: L. Arana
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NUCLEAR MAGNETIC RESONANCE)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)	
GENERATING AN AXISYMMETRIC)	
MAGNETIC FIELD HAVING STRAIGHT)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the present application, the Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the following amendment:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please insert --This is a division of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/033,965 filed March 3, 1998. --

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 13-42.

Please add the following claims:

--43. An apparatus for generating a magnetic field, comprising:

a) a drilling means for drilling a borehole into the formation;

- b) a means for carrying drilling fluid through the drilling means;
- c) a measuring means, connected to the drilling means, for making nuclear magnetic resonance measurements while the borehole is being drilled, the measuring means comprising:
 - i) a means for producing a plurality of axisymmetric static magnetic fields through the drilling means and into the formation at a plurality of regions of investigation such that the contour lines generated by the static magnetic fields are substantially straight in the axial direction at a depth of investigation where the nuclear magnetic resonance measurements are obtained, comprising:
 - a) an axially magnetized upper magnet;
 - b) an axially magnetized central magnet;
 - c) an axially magnetized lower magnet;
 - ii) an antenna for producing an oscillating magnetic field in the formation;

wherein the upper magnet and central magnet generate a static magnetic field having a high gradient at a first region of investigation.

44. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the lower magnet and central magnet generate a static magnetic field having a high gradient at a second region of investigation.

45. The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the lower magnet and central magnet generate a static magnetic field having a low gradient at a second region of investigation. --

Respectfully submitted,

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